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1. FISHATT SPOKE ON APRIL 22 WITH PEDRO MERCADO, SUB-DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FISHERY REGIONS, CONCERNING HIS RECENT TRIP TO SAN DIEGO TO DISCUSS THE CONTINUED ISSUANCE OF FISHING LICENSES. MERCADO SAID HE HAD A VERY PROFITABLE MEETING WITH ANTHONY CHIAPPE, PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATED COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN, INC, GUILLERMO ALVAREZ, WHO IS NOW HEAD OF THE MEXICAN FISH COMMISSION OFFICE IN SAN DIEGO, AND WITH A NUMBER OF BOAT CAPTAINS.

2. MERCADO SAID THAT IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT CHIAPPE AND ALVAREZ WOULD COLLABORATE ON MAKING UP A LIST OF BOATS ELIGIBLE FOR LICENSES BASED ON HAVING HELD PREVIOUS LICENSES. THIS LIST IS EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED IN MEXICO WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS, WILL BE REVIEWED, AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME
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CHANGES MAY BE MADE, BUT IT WILL THEN BE THE OFFICIAL LIST.

BOATS NOT ON THE LIST CAN OBTAIN LICENSES BY ASKING, THROUGH THE ASSOCIATION, TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR BOATS ON THE LIST WHICH ARE NO LONGER IN THE FISHERY.

3. BASED ON THIS AND ON THE CONVERSATION WE HAD WITH MEDINA NERI REPORTED IN REFTTEL, WE BELIEVE THE CALIFORNIA SMALL BOAT OWNERS ARE UNDULY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROSPECTS OF CONTINUED PERMISSION TO FISH IN MEXICAN TERRITORIAL WATERS, AT LEAST FOR THE SHORT TERM.
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